

Bush agrees to rid payroll of newsmen

Washington (AP)—As the House Intelligence Committee went out of existence yesterday, the Central Intelligence Agency director, George Bush, agreed to one of its recommendations by ordering removal of any full-time or part-time American journalists from the agency's payroll.

The CIA announcement said first that the agency has "no secret paid or contractual relationship with any American clergyman or missionary" and that "this practice will be continued as a matter of policy."

Then it said a similar ban would apply to "any full-time or part-time news correspondents accredited by any U.S. news service, newspaper, periodicals, radio or TV network or station."

The House committee had made the ban on hiring reporters one of its recommendations

before disbanding. The committee had also written a lengthy report last month, but the full House voted not to release it. A partial text of the report appeared yesterday, however, in the *Village Voice* newspaper in New York.

The account said that U.S. military involvement in Angola was strongly opposed by a task force of high government experts on Africa.

It quoted the report as saying: "The committee has learned that a task force composed of high U.S. experts on Africa strongly opposed military intervention; instead, last April they called for diplomatic efforts to encourage a political settlement among the three factions to avert bloodshed."



George Bush explains CIA policy on use of journalists, ministers and missionaries for intelligence-gathering.

"Apparently at the direction of National Security Council aides, the task force recommendation was removed from the report and presented to NSC members as merely one policy option. The other two alternatives were a hands-off policy or substantial military intervention."